

CHINESE MEDIA ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- *Clean energy cooperation, Paris Agreement, agricultural cooperation, AIIB, artificial intelligence, Chinese investment into high-tech companies, green development, wildlife trafficking in Africa, BRICS*

NOTES FROM CHINESE MINISTRIES

- *Medical device innovation FYP, new-energy vehicle notices, vehicle fuel efficiency scoring and trading, smart vehicle standardizations, GMOs, health sector innovation FYP, wellness innovation FYP, technical standard innovation FYP, mobile internet of things guide*

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U.S. Embassy Beijing Media Reaction – A Summary of Select PRC Media Commentary

Monday, June 12, 2017

U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry

U.S. Energy Secretary: Quitting Paris Agreement won't hinder U.S.-China clean energy cooperation

China Business News (pg A04)

During his first visit to Asia since assuming office, U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry told *China Business News* that the world has had a misunderstanding that the United States will stop being a clean energy leader after President Trump announced the country's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. This is not the case. During his trip, Perry met with Chinese leaders and discussed major issues of common concern between the United States and China including: liquefied natural gas; carbon capture, use, and storage; and the development of clean energy technologies like renewable energy and nuclear energy. Secretary Perry indicated that U.S.-China bilateral energy trade is an important part of the U.S.-China 100-Day Plan.

Clean Energy-China

Facts behind China's cancellation of plans to build a hundred coal power plants

Beijing Youth Daily (pg A2)

Although the United States withdrew from the Paris Agreement, it still sent a delegation to attend a roundtable on energy and climate change recently held in Beijing. Former Director of the National Energy Administration Zhang Guobao told David Sandalow -- former Under Secretary of Energy in the Obama administration and the U.S. co-host of the roundtable -- that the Trump Administration misinterpreted China's carbon emissions situation by saying that China will emit as much as it wants until 2030. Zhang said that, according to public documents released by the National Energy Administration, China has cancelled the building of 105 coal-fired power plants. It is a fact that China leads the world in total power generation capacity with China's coal power accounting for up to 60% of the world's total power. However, China's carbon emission reductions technology and achievements also lead the world. The most advanced power plant in China, the Shanghai Waigaoqiao No. 3 Power Plant, has lowered three emission indexes far below that of comparable natural gas power plants. American experts commented that advanced technology can turn coal into clean energy. Therefore, China leads the world in coal power emissions not because China's emission reductions technology lags behind, but because China has a huge power generation capacity. Before 2030, the percentage of China's coal power will largely decrease due to its development, speed, and usage of green energy.

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U.S.-China Agriculture Cooperation

Chinese think-tankers' feedback on Iowa farm visits

Guangming Daily (pg 10)

The newspaper reported on the recent visit made by top Chinese think-tankers to the Kimberley Farm in Iowa. Wei Jianguo, Deputy Director-General of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges, believed this was the first time the farm had ever received such a large Chinese delegation of such high rank. To China, working with the United States does not simply mean buying U.S. agriproducts. It also means learning management know-how from the U.S. agricultural industry. Another Chinese think-tanker said agriculture has huge potential in bilateral cooperation as China works to attract foreign investment in agriculture. When asked about bilateral trade frictions, Grant Kimberley, son of the owner of Kimberley Farm, said frictions are inevitable, but sound economic and trade ties are the ballast to keeping bilateral ties on track. The *Guangming Daily* report believed what Grant Kimberley said represented the thoughts of many in both countries, pointing to the 100-day plan that has demonstrated initial results, along with the fact that U.S. beef imports may be able to enter the Chinese market soon. According to the newspaper, the Kimberleys also mentioned former Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, who will be in Beijing soon as the U.S. Ambassador to China, several times. The family believed Branstad is versed in the bilateral U.S.-Sino relationship and in agriculture. They hoped this could be an opportunity for U.S.-China agricultural cooperation.

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Wednesday, June 14, 2017

CDA Resignation

Former U.S. Chargé d’Affaires in China tells why he resigned

Global Times-Chinese (pg 3)

Global Times-Chinese covered David Rank’s discussion with PBS about why he resigned as the Chargé d’Affaires of the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. According to the newspaper, Rank called the decision extremely difficult, but it was against his good conscience to agree with President Trump’s policy. The paper quoted Rank as saying he was caught off-guard by the president’s decision to exit the Paris Climate Accord. The former U.S. diplomat believed making the Paris Agreement possible demonstrated U.S. leadership in regional and global affairs. The agreement China, the United States, and others reached is valuable, because climate is one of the most important issues countries face. Personally, Rank believes he has a moral obligation to take care of the planet for future generations.

AIIB/ Hong Kong

Hong Kong formally becomes AIIB member

Global Times-Chinese (pg 11)

On Hong Kong formally becoming a member of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Researcher Chen Fengying, at the Institute of World Economics and Politics of the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, commented that AIIB membership is politically meaningful to Hong Kong. The Special Administrative Region (SAR) has been part of the process throughout the planning and establishment of the AIIB, which raised Hong Kong’s political status while paving the way for the SAR to be part of the Belt and Road initiative.

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Thursday, June 15, 2017

China – Energy Supply

What we learn from U.S. energy self-sufficiency

China Business News (pg A11)

Lin Boqiang, Dean of the Institute for Studies in Energy Policy at Xiamen University, expounded on how China could draw on U.S. experience to reduce reliance on energy imports for the sake of energy security. The United States has been remarkable in making itself energy-independent through cutting reliance on oil and gas imports while boosting shell gas and other

alternative energy. President Donald Trump's Executive Order on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth also looks to add to that achievement. In contrast, China is facing mounting pressure in oil and gas supply, which has become a weak link in our energy and hence national security. China has to work hard to keep its reliance on energy imports at an acceptable level, especially as we are importing more natural gas, rather than producing more oil, as an alternative to coal. We will have to depend more on imported energy if our own renewable energy falls short of demand. We have no more imaginative solutions than the fundamental approach that reduces oil and gas consumption while developing new, alternative energy, including unconventional oil and gas.

U.S.-China – Artificial Intelligence

U.S. to restrict China's investment in AI, China warns against political interference

The Paper ([HYPERLINK "http://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_1708987"])

Journalists Jiang Chenyue and Han Shengjiang featured a Reuters report saying that the U.S. Department of Defense is considering heightening scrutiny of Chinese investment in the Silicon Valley to hinder cutting-edge technology transfers from the United States to China. Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesperson Lu Kang said that Chinese investment should not be interfered with politically. Dong Haitao, a Chinese CEO investing in artificial intelligence (AI) in the Silicon Valley, said the United States has certain advantages in algorithms, modeling and deep learning. China, in comparison, is good at collecting data and delivering output. Therefore, the United States is unwisely concerned about and preventing Chinese investment and cooperation in AI. In fact, U.S. monopoly and trade barriers cannot stop China from developing AI technologies. On the contrary, they may isolate the Silicon Valley and give others a chance to catch up with the United States in this area. It will be mutually beneficial if the United States can work together with China to make breakthroughs in artificial intelligence.

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Friday, June 16, 2017

U.S. Beef in China

First U.S. beef since last ban has shipped!

Global Times-Chinese (pg 11)

A batch of U.S. beef was shipped from Nebraska to China on the 14th, the first shipment since China lifted its embargo that was imposed in response to mad cow disease in 2003. Citing *Reuters*, *Global Times-Chinese* reported that a new trade deal concluded just two days ago facilitates the exports but not without pre-conditions. Beef older than 30 months or having ractopamine, a feed additive, will still be barred. The report said China, one of the biggest beef markets of the world, has been monopolized by Australian, Brazilian and domestic meat. However, demand for imported meat is growing in China as the country's middle class gets richer. The import of American beef which is highly competitive in price and quality will inevitably reshape the market landscape.

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Monday, June 19, 2017

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank/ Paris Agreement

Regarding the second annual meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) held in South Korea over the weekend, *People's Daily* (pg 3) *Zhongsheng* commented that the meeting demonstrates the AIIB's determination to promote Asian and world economic development through supporting infrastructure investment as well as its unremitting efforts for green development. Admitting three more members (Argentina, Madagascar and Tonga) into the AIIB made it the second multilateral financial institution after the World Bank in terms of the number of its members (80 in total). One and a half years after its founding, the AIIB has provided loans as much as \$2 billion. Its high-speed growth is impressive to the world. During the meeting, the AIIB also announced Asia's sustainable energy strategy, requiring all its energy infrastructure projects to meet the conditions of low carbon consumption. As the United States withdrew from the Paris Agreement, such a move is especially valuable. The AIIB will surely bring new momentum in global governance while creating more development opportunities for people in Asia and around the world.

Global Times-Chinese (pg 3, June 17) also quoted Zhou Qiangwu, director of the Ministry of Finance's International Economics and Finance Institute, saying that the theme of this meeting focused on energy and sustainable development, which is consistent with the "clean, high efficient and green" ideas of the AIIB. Supporting all members to better fulfill the Paris Agreement is the requirement of the time and also a matter of seizing the momentum.

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Wednesday, June 21, 2017

U.S.-China – SelectUSA Summit/ Trade

China-U.S. trade ties under Trump: Chinese companies remain interested in investing in U.S. but feel concerned about reviews for high-tech acquisitions

21st Century Business Herald (pg 15)

Journalist Zhang Han reported that U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross told reporters at the 2017 SelectUSA Investment Summit that foreign companies, including those from China, now invest in a huge number of U.S. high-tech companies, in which national security might be a problem. Zhang contended that although Secretary Ross did not recognize any Congressional legislation over restrictions on high-tech acquisitions, his remarks underscored a direct

connection between the U.S. high-tech sector and national security. This is the first time that the Trump administration has expressed its attitude on the topic, providing a “footnote” for the U.S. government’s future interference in related investments. For quite some time in the future, China and the United States may maintain a relationship, where investments from China will provide the United States with much-needed jobs and economic stimuli, while the advanced technologies that China is in urgent need of will face unprecedented restraints.

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Thursday, June 22, 2017

Trump Administration/ Paris Agreement/ David Rank

World still firm about moving forward on green development

PLA Daily (pg 4)

The announcement recently made by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank on supporting its members’ fulfillment of relevant promises in the Paris Agreement as well as the recent Eighth Clean Energy Ministerial support for the agreement show that, in spite of the U.S. withdrawal, the pace of global green development won’t slow down. President Trump’s decision of withdrawing the United States from the agreement triggered criticism not only from allies but also from all walks of lives within American society. The latest example is David Rank, former Charge d’Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, who resigned because of disagreement with the withdrawal. Many local governments and companies in the United States also disagreed with Trump’s decision. Although the United States announced quitting the Paris Agreement, it is not likely that it will directly withdraw from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Green and low-carbon development has become a general global trend.

CCTV Evening News Headlines from 06/12/2017

1. In a meeting with delegates at the second overseas Chinese industrial and commercial congress in Beijing, Premier Li Keqiang called on the Chinese diaspora to actively participate in China’s innovation drive and economic cooperation with the rest of the world.
2. China will set up a community governance system led by grassroots Communist Party of China (CPC) organizations by 2020, according to a guideline released by the CPC Central Committee and the State Council.

CCTV Evening News Headlines from 06/15/2017

3. Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee Zhang Dejiang said that legislators at the upcoming bi-monthly session will review the draft law on national intelligence, draft amendments to the Water Pollution Prevention and Control Law, and draft revisions to the Law of Promoting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.
4. China successfully launched an X-ray telescope via the Long March 4B rocket.

CCTV Evening News Headlines from 06/20/2017

1. During a phone conversation with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said that China was willing to promote cooperation with Canada in trade and investment, clean energy, environmental protection, agriculture and in developing third-party markets on the basis of mutual respect and mutual trust.

China MOFA: Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Lu Kang's Regular Press Conference On June 14, 2017

- **Q: Previously there were African media reporting on the President of Uganda ordering investigation into Ugandan wildlife protection officials colluding with two Chinese diplomats in Uganda to smuggle ivories. The Foreign Ministry of Uganda put up a statement on June 12 saying that thorough investigation revealed that the two Chinese involved were not diplomats and expressing regret for the possible negative consequences this incident might have caused to the Chinese Embassy in Uganda. The Ugandan government reaffirmed its commitment to deepening bilateral friendship. What is your comment?**

A: China has taken note of the statement by the Ugandan Foreign Ministry. We commend the positive remarks made by the Ugandan side on clarifying the situation and reaffirming its commitment to strengthening bilateral friendship.

I want to stress again that the Chinese government officials, including officials working at China's diplomatic missions overseas, and visiting delegations for public affairs are under strict discipline requirements and regulations enacted by the Chinese government. They are strictly prohibited from buying, conducting transactions on, or carrying any endangered wildlife or their products. Once found, such violations will be dealt with firmly in accordance with law.

We resolutely support Uganda and other African countries in handling relevant cases in strict accordance with law.

- **Q: It is reported that US officials are considering measures to restrict Chinese investment in advanced technology, such as artificial intelligence, because there are concerns that the Chinese are getting around existing measures to acquire sensitive technologies. What is your comment?**

A: It is just like my answer to the question on the Chinese enterprise taking over the Canadian company. For individual commercial cases and takeovers, we don't have specific details. We suggest you ask the competent authority for more details. In

principle, normal business takeovers shall follow business rules and the laws of the market. We believe there should not be undue political dimensions imposed on commercial takeovers, let alone political intervention. The economic and trade cooperation between China and the US is in nature for win-win results, as has been repeated by us many times. Therefore, we also hope that the US side can provide a sound environment for Chinese enterprises to invest and start business in the US. Facts have proven that a sound pair of trade and investment relationship between China and the US brings tangible benefits to the two sides.

China MOFA: Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Geng Shuang's Regular Press Conference On June 19, 2017

- **Q: Does China has the impression that the BRICS can fill the void the US is leaving in areas like free trade or fight against global warming?**

A: My colleague released the information on the Meeting of BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs last week.

The Meeting of BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs was held in Beijing today. During the meeting, Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with the press and answered questions. According to my information at hand, the meeting just concluded. The Chinese side will release the relevant information on the details of the meeting.

On your question about the role of BRICS countries in international affairs, they are all developing countries and emerging markets with important influence. The stronger exchange and cooperation between the five countries have important implications for upholding world peace and stability, boosting global economic growth, promoting democracy in international relations and improving global governance. The five countries have very strong will in these aspects.

Looking back at the past decade, BRICS cooperation has achieved very positive and prominent results. We will work with other BRICS countries to advance the development of BRICS cooperation in a more in-depth way in the next decade. The next BRICS Summit will be held in Xiamen in September. We stand ready to work with various parties for positive outcomes and a full success of this meeting.

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Medical device innovation five-year plan released with specific market share targets for key domestic products. The Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) today released *The Special 13th Five-Year Plan for Science and Technology Innovation in Medical Devices*. The plan quotes President Xi Jinping as attributing China's heavy reliance on the import of high-end medical equipment as "one of the main reasons" for high healthcare costs and vows to strive for "localization, high-endization, brandization and internationalization" in domestic medical device

industry. The industry is to focus on key products in critical clinical needs, contributing to high medical costs, and relying mainly on imports. The plan explicitly calls for expanding the market share of domestic “innovative” medical devices with the realization of “comprehensive domestic production” of high-end products and the market share of key products reaching 30-40% by the end of 2020. Other targets include making breakthroughs in 1-3 original innovation technologies and 10-20 frontier key technologies, developing more than 300 core patents, nurturing 8-10 large medical device groups with strong domestic and international competitiveness, building 8-10 medical device cluster zones, and developing 80-100 innovative high-tech companies with the ownership of self-proprietary intellectual property rights. Five key tasks are listed with specific technologies identified for research and development (R&D). (Full text in Chinese: http://www.most.gov.cn/tztg/201706/t20170612_133477.htm) (MOST)

Freeze imposed on new traditional fuel car manufacturing capacities with a possible exemption to foreign new-energy vehicle joint venture from numerical and equity caps. The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) today jointly released a notice on auto industry investment which in effect imposes a freeze on new production capacities for automobiles using traditional fuels. Such applications will “in principle” not be approved. Restrictions will also be imposed on the expansion of existing auto firms: they must prove that their capacity utilization rate is higher than industry average; the ratios of new-energy vehicle production in the previous year must be higher than industry average; or their R&D expenditure ratio exceeds 3%. In addition, a passenger car producer must also meet the average fuel consumption requirements. According to China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, the country’s total auto production capacities reached 31.22 mn units a year at the end of 2015 with additional 6 mn new capacities in the pipeline. In the same year, total domestic auto sales were only 24.6 mn units. The new policy, which took effect immediately, also exempts joint venture non-traditional fuel passenger vehicle investment from investment project ratification and numerical restrictions under the existing auto industry development policy, which allows foreign auto makers to set up no more than two joint ventures in China with a maximal 50% equity in each. (Full text in Chinese: http://www.ndrc.gov.cn/gzdt/201706/t20170612_850518.html) (NDRC, Caixin)

Draft rules for a vehicle fuel efficiency scoring and trading regime released again for comment. The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) today released *The (For-Comment Draft) Measures for Parallel Administration of Average Fuel Consumption and New-Energy Vehicle Credit Scoring for Passenger Vehicle Enterprises*. The proposed regime to be established is to allow auto makers to use positive credit scores for the sales of new-energy vehicles (NEV) to offset the negative scores of fuel consumption by traditional fuel vehicles. A trading system will be allowed between auto makers. The regulator will use the system to determine policy preferences, market access, or even production licenses. The proposed targets for NEV sales credits under the proposed rules released today remain 8% by 2018, 10% by 2019 and 12% by 2020 – the same as an earlier draft released last September – targets deemed as too ambitious by many foreign auto makers. Comments on the draft should be submitted before June 27. (Full text in Chinese: http://news.xinhuanet.com/auto/2017-06/13/c_1121134739.htm) (XH)

Standardization system building guide proposed for the smart vehicle industry. MIIT and the Standardization Administration (SAC) today jointly released *(For-Comment Draft) Guide for National Intelligent and Connected Vehicle (ICV) Standardization Building (2017 Edition)*.

Affirming the principle of “coordination and cooperation and indigenous innovation,” the draft guide seeks to strengthen standard-setting for technologies with the ownership of self-proprietary intellectual property rights. It aims to “initially” establish a standard system that can support assisted driving and low-level auto driving by 2020 with the development of 30 or more key ICV standards and to develop an ICV standard system that can support high-level auto driving by 2025 with the development of more than 100 ICV standards. The draft guide lays out the technology logic structure and product physical structure, and the standard system framework, contents and short-term work plan. Comments should be submitted before July 12. (Full text in Chinese: http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2017-06/13/content_5202067.htm) (MIIT)

2017 approved genetically modified crop import list released. The Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) today posted on its website *2017 Approved List of Agricultural Genetically Modified Organism Safety Certificates (Import)*. The list contains 16 product certificates covering soybeans, corn, cotton, rape plants, and sugar beets. Monsanto’s MON87705 soybean and Dow AgroSciences’ DAS-40278-9 corn varieties are the only two new approvals. The rest 14 are renewals of existing certificates. 13 of the 16 certificates including the newly approved varieties are good for three years: from June 12, 2017 through June 12, 2020, except three Monsanto’s cotton varieties which are valid for five years. All certificates are for processing as China maintains a ban on commercially planting GMO crops with a variety of cotton and a variety of papaya being the only exceptions. China in an early harvest agreement under the 100-day plan committed to issuing new certificates to eight varieties of GMO crops including the two in today’s announcement. (Full text in Chinese: http://www.moa.gov.cn/ztl/zjyqwgz/spxx/201706/t20170614_5678550.htm) (MOA)

Health sector innovation five-year plan released. The Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) today released *The Special 13th Five-Year Plan for Science and Technology Innovation in Hygiene and Health*. The plan aims to make breakthroughs in 20-30 frontier and key technologies and commercialize them, build innovation and big data platforms covering 1 mn healthy people and 10 key disease groups, develop 100 treatment norms, technical standards, clinical paths and prevention and control strategies concerning major diseases and health problems, popularize 100-150 new technologies at the grass-root level, conduct medical research result transfer and popularization training for 300,000 to 500,000 healthcare workers, develop 20-30 innovation drugs, and form 20-30 industry clusters with brands and international influence. Key tasks are identified in 12 areas. (Full text in Chinese: http://www.most.gov.cn/tztg/201706/t20170613_133484.htm) (MOST)

Wellness industry innovation five-year plan released. The Ministry of Science and Technology today released *The Special 13th Five-Year Plan for Science and Technology Innovation in the Wellness Industry*. The plan affirms indigenous innovation as the strategic basis for the development of the industry and aims to make breakthroughs in 10-15 common technologies and develop 20-30 frontier technologies in new drug discovery, high-end medical device and individualized wellness intervention. It also calls for developing 8-10 original innovation drugs, 10-20 frontier innovative medical devices, and 50 high-end wellness products, nurturing 5-10 business clusters with globally influential wellness brands, and building 10-15 specialized wellness industry zones. (Full text in Chinese: http://www.most.gov.cn/mostinfo/xinxifenlei/fgzc/gfxwj/gfxwj2017/201706/t20170614_133528.htm) (MOST)

Technical standard innovation five-year plan released. Three agencies led by the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) yesterday released *The Special 13th Five-Year Plan on Technical Standard Innovation*. The plan calls for supporting the development of more than 1,000 basic, common, public, shared industry standards, developing some 200 international standards and promoting international adoption of more than 1,000 Chinese standards, setting up 50 national technical standard innovation bases, and building 50 national standard testing centers. Under a section on nurturing new international competitive advantages of Chinese standards, one objective is to turn indigenous innovation technology and product and enterprise standards into international standards and increase the weight of international standards China has either led or participated in drafting. (Full text in Chinese: http://www.most.gov.cn/mostinfo/xinxifenlei/fgzc/gfxwj/gfxwj2017/201706/t20170622_133684.htm) (MOST)

Mobile Internet of Things promotion guide issued. The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) last week issued a notice on “comprehensively” promoting the building of mobile narrow-band Internet of Things (NB-IoT). The notice calls for focusing on leading international standard setting in this area including future evolution of the technologies and its interconnection with 5G technologies, carrying out research on key technologies, and promoting wide industry development, and perfecting complete industry chains. In terms of deployment, the notice calls for building 400,000 base stations by the end of 2017 to cover all centrally controlled cities and provincial capital cities and by 2020 1.5 mn base stations covering the whole country while penetrating building interior, transport networks and underground networks. In terms of application, it calls for realizing 20 mn NB-IoT machine-to-machine (M2M) connections by the end of 2017 and 600 mn by 2020. (Full text in Chinese: <http://www.miit.gov.cn/n1146295/n1652858/n1652930/n3757020/c5692719/content.html>) (MIIT)

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CG Greene Addressed University Students on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

May 23, Chengdu - Consul General Raymond Greene visited Sichuan University (SCU), the final stop of his speech tour of Sichuan universities, as a part of the 2017 American Culture Month. His speech, entitled “Entrepreneurship and Innovation: The American Experience” provided a brief history of innovation in the United States, described the aspects of U.S.

society that have fostered innovation and entrepreneurship and also noted that the most

successful examples of innovation in both the United States and China have occurred without the assistance or interference of government influence. This event provided a rare opportunity for a Consulate official to interact with the students of one of the largest university in Southwest China to promote American culture, rule of law, and scientific and technological achievements to Chinese students and academics.



Healthcare Actors Highlight Progress and Challenges of Healthcare System in China

May 25, Beijing – In coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Foreign Commercial Service, the Beijing American Center hosted a panel discussion on challenges of affordable and high quality healthcare, featuring key healthcare actors, Dr. Alexander Ng, Deputy Director of China Country Program of Gates Foundation; Joshua Kurtzig, general

manager of Beijing United Family Rehabilitation Hospital; Li Wenkai, Director and Senior Program Manager of the China Medical Board (CMB) Beijing Office; and Chang Liu, Managing Director for Singapore, Mainland China, and Hong Kong for Access Health International. Panelists discussed both the progress made and the future challenges facing institutions to build an accessible, high quality and affordable primary healthcare system in China, and similarities and differences of the healthcare system between the U.S. and China. Largely composed of young professionals in healthcare field and medical school students, the Q&A highlighted important healthcare issues such as health insurance, payment methods, pension plans and community healthcare.



Artificial Intelligence in Hollywood

May 25, Guangzhou –Economic Officer Aamod Omprakash used American science fiction movies to help an audience imagine the future of technology and artificial intelligence (AI). After discussing potential changes AI will bring to society, he played scenes from American films such as Artificial Intelligence and The Matrix to showcase the different ways that the rise of AI and its subsequent ethical and philosophical

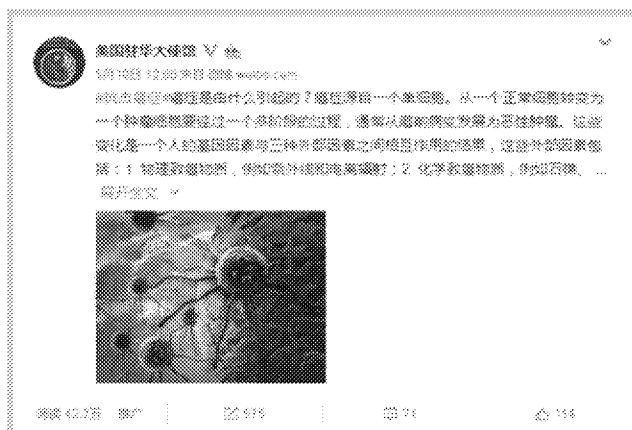
dilemmas have been portrayed in U.S. pop culture. This was followed by a naturally intelligent discussion focused on how far away human level AI is, why international cooperation is necessary to make sure AI is benevolent, and whether an AI in the future would be self-aware, deserving of rights, or capable of free will.



EducationUSA Information Session Panel Gives an In-depth Analysis of STEM Majors

May 19, Beijing – EducationUSA conducted an information session with Kent State University about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) majors. The panel including faculty of computer science, aeronautics, chemical physics, and business analytics introduced their STEM majors and explained the core curriculum, admission requirements, internship opportunities, and Optional Practical Training (OPT) extension policy for STEM majors. Two

alumni of the university also shared their U.S. study and work experiences.



#JoinTheFightAgainstCancer Month Encourages Chinese to Quit Smoking

Jun. 1, Beijing – As part of the U.S. National Cancer Research Month the Embassy's Social Media team partnered with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create a series of daily posts on social media entitled #JoinTheFightAgainstCancer to increase awareness of cancer risks and U.S. medical advances to fight the disease. The campaign included 20 separate posts on topics

such as "Risk factors for Cancers," "Fighting Tobacco Cravings," "Key Facts about Cancer," "The Benefits of Quitting Smoking," "Exercise & Healthy Diets," "Cancer Treatments," "Secondhand Smoke," "Cigarettes and the Environment" and "Cancer Breakthroughs" among others. Posts included CDC infographics translated into Mandarin as well as CDC videos with Mandarin subtitles. The social media campaign received over 2.5 million views, and nearly 1,800 reposts and comments on the Embassy's WeChat and Sina Weibo platforms. The most popular post in the campaign was a post entitled "What Causes Cancer" with 442,000 views and 646 reposts and comments.



Ladies Who Tech ‘Decodes the Gender Gap’

Jun. 8, Shanghai – Consular Officer Stacy Lemery set the stage for a night of film and lively debate about how to tackle the gender gap in STEM fields during her remarks to 130 female coders at the latest edition of the Consulate-sponsored Ladies Who Tech gathering. Lemery stressed the importance of discussions about female representation in the tech sector and was joined by a female coder who has worked with Google. The group then watched a screening of the American Film

Showcase documentary ‘Decoding the Gender Gap,’ which focuses on issues of gender parity and discrimination in Silicon Valley. Ladies Who Tech, which was inaugurated by Shanghai Consul General Hanscom Smith last year, is a joint initiative run by a State Department exchange alumna, ShanghaiPRIDE and supported by the Consulate.



Promoting IPR Protection and Enforcement at Guangzhou Innovation Summit

May 26, Guangzhou – Economic Officer Aamod Omprakash delivered remarks at the WTOIP Business Forum, emphasizing the need to improve intellectual property rights (IPR) enforcement and how new areas of cooperation between the U.S. and China can be unlocked by providing an equal playing field for all companies. WTOIP is a resource-sharing platform for

entrepreneurial services with a focus on IP. The audience included local officials, entrepreneurs, and technology traders co-organized by the Guangzhou Government and WTOIP. The forum took place on the margins of the China Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fair.



Celebrating World Oceans Day

Jun. 8, Shenyang – Public Affairs Intern Allison May gave a lecture on World Oceans Day and ocean conservation. The audience learned about the history and reasons why this day is celebrated as well as what we all can do to help save our oceans. This program promoted sustainable living and encouraged viewers to learn more about the environment.

很棒的纪录片！！
 生命，有家人，有感觉，会流血会疼。
 有一群很勇敢的人在保护这群美丽可爱的生物。
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Movie Screening of *The Ivory Game* Opens Eyes

Jun. 9, Guangzhou – A select group of animal rights activists, conservationists, and academics joined ESTH Officer Aaron Benesh at a local gallery for a screening of the documentary film “The Ivory Game”, which shows the efforts of law enforcement agents and activists from Africa in their quest to disrupt the trafficking of illicit ivory in China. After the screening, one of the undercover agents who helped make the expose spoke, emphasizing the impact the movie has had - most people are unaware of how devastating the ivory trade has been on elephant populations. Surprisingly, only one guest was aware of the Chinese

government’s new laws, which will effectively end the legal trade of ivory in China by the end of 2017. Numerous attendees also expressed admiration for the bravery of Hong, the Chinese journalist investigator featured in the film, for exposing organized criminal wildlife trafficking rings in China and Hong Kong. Posting to her WeChat account after the show, one attendee summed up the experience by sharing, “Excellent documentary! Elephants are alive, they have families, they can feel, and they bleed and feel pain. A group of brave people are protecting these beautiful and lovely creatures. But more people want to hurt them. Please refuse the ivory trade. Every drop (of your effort) makes the sea.” Participants expressed their desire to watch the film with friends and relatives and encouraged the film company to try and release it more broadly in China.



U.S.-China Photo Exhibit Opens in Kunming to Promote Tourism and Environmental Protection

Jun. 13, Kunming - “Exploring the Other Side of the Ocean: 2017 U.S. - China Tourism Photo Exhibit,” featuring 30 photographs of U.S. National Parks taken by renowned Chinese landscape photographer Wang Jianjun and 30 photographs of rare and unique wildlife in southwest China taken by award-winning American nature photographer Jed Weingarten, opened at the Kunming Museum after its success in Chengdu in January. Consul General Raymond Greene made

remarks at the opening ceremony, resulting in positive television and print coverage. Following the opening ceremony and a tour of the exhibit, photographer Wang Jian Jun shared his personal experiences traveling to the U.S. national parks to capture their beauty with an audience of fans, nature lovers and amateur photographers. The exhibit, organized by Chengdu PAS with cooperation from Kunming Museum, will run for two months and is expected to attract thousands of visitors, not only promoting tourism to the U.S., but also greater awareness and support for nature conservation in China.

Fulbright and IVLP Alumni Connect through Nature Education



Jun. 16, Chengdu – Consulate Chengdu organized an alumni family activity on environmental protection and nature education to foster networking among Fulbright and IVLP alumni and promote awareness of environmental protection among the next generation. River Source, an NGO established by an IVLP alumni, guided the alumni through a bird watching tour and demonstrated how human activities have influenced nature, especially birds' habitats. IVLP program officer

Marta Pereyma from ECA also joined the activity to engage IVLP alumni. More than an alumni networking opportunity, this activity promoted cooperation among USG alumni as they engaged in outreach to promote environmental conservation among the younger generation.